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To whom it may concern,

I am opposed to the settlement with Microsoft. As they have been found guilty of illegal behaviour in the past, and it is quite clear that this behaviour is continuing to this day, I believe that a remedy and punishment should be imposed on the company, NOT negotiated. I am worried that Microsoft's slick lawyers will get them a position where they can continue to abuse their monopoly position and stifle innovation.

The year is 2002. Yet we still have to put up with crashes and freezes every day and we have holes all over the place which risk our security and privacy. Microsoft have NEVER innovated. They merely copy other people's innovation from which it stalls. Windows was not invented by MS, Instant messaging wasn't invented by MS, web browsing, streaming audio/video etc etc all weren't invented by MS, yet through its monopoly position it now controls and owns these technologies, and they stall.

It is 2002, we should be doing amazing things with our software, yet we are stuck with buggy, bloated, software which treats us as if we are all stupid. Hardware, where the market is more competitive has improved out of sight, yet software stagnates as soon as Microsoft illegally closes the market down! The DoJ must stop this.

I don't really care much that MS has stolen profits from other companies. What I DO Care deeply about is the fact that through their greed the possibilities for technological advancement, and the social and cultural advancement which it may provide, is severely stunted.

The few millions of dollars that MS might contribute to political campaigns or lobbyists PALES in comparison to the damage done to the possibilities for human advancement. We sent people to the moon in 1969, yet my computer can't stay stable for one work day! There is clearly something wrong.

I would like the DoJ to break up Microsoft into separate pieces.

- 1) O/S business
- 2) Business application business
- 3) Web related business (browser, media player)
- 4) Server etc business

Further more I would like truly independent monitors to watch these baby MS to make sure they aren't colluding or conspiring.

A massive fine should be imposed on MS, and especially the directors who were personally in charge of making the decisions to act illegally.

The money from this massive fine (I'm thinking many billions) should be used for the following activities:

1) set up free servers and bandwidth for Free software, Open Source software and public domain projects, to collaborate and distribute their products.

2) a fund should be set up to provide grants to interesting software projects (which won't necessarily make money) and distributed by an independent government authority.

3) computers, bandwidth, and training should be given to those in the poorest areas and to less developed countries overseas.

I would also like to see William Gates and fellow senior managers to some serious jail time. Too often small time crooks, or drug users are sent to jail for awfully long periods, while the white collar corporate crooks who waste and steal billions of dollars and destroy redundant workers lives (e.g. ENRON) get off with a slap on the wrist. So lets get it right and ensure the perpetrators of these illegal acts are sent to jail.

Thank You for reading my submission,

Max Phillips

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